27 July 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

General Bolling called me prior to the receipt of the telecon on the morning of 27 July 1950 and stated that Mr. Johnson, the Secretary of Defense, was very much concerned about one item contained in the telecon relative to the Army sister service, and requested that the item concerned be deleted from the telecon and given no distribution of any kind. He further stated that similar requests had been made to the State Department, and that all copies of the telecon in question had been withdrawn from circulation in the Department of Defense.

I instructed Mr. Babbitt and Dr. Andrews to bring to my office immediately all copies of the telecon as soon as they were received.

The item referred to by General Bolling was easily identified, and I called General Bolling and told him that we felt that this item must be made available to the President for his information, but that no further distribution would be made within CIA. He expressed his appreciation and raised no further objection.

The attached item, delivered to Mr. Lay for information of the President, is based on the telecon item referred to above. Mr. Babbitt has a copy in his personal possession, and I instructed Dr. Andrews to bring it to the personal attention of Colonel Schow.

All of our copies of the telecon have been amended by deleting this particular item and it will not appear in any other CIA publication or dissemination.

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